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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : F. W. M. Janney  
Director of Personnel

SUBJECT : Invitation to Speak to Summer Interns

1. Action Requested: We would be honored to have you address the Summer Interns at the formal opening of the 1977 Summer Intern Program on 10 June at 1645 hours in Room GA-13 Headquarters. Directors in the past have spoken on the future of the Agency, with approximately thirty minutes set aside for questions from the Interns. If 10 June is not convenient, we would be happy to arrange an alternate date during the week of 6 June.

2. Background: The Summer Intern Program began in 1966 with initial focus on Chinese area and language studies. It has gradually been expanded to include other geographical areas as well as economics, engineering, geography, law, and psychology. The program provided students the opportunity to do substantive scholarly research in their fields of academic concentration. Seventy-five per cent of those selected have completed one or more years of graduate study, and all students selected must be committed to be in graduate school the fall following completion of the internship.

Over the years, the intern program has proved mutually beneficial from both a short and long range point of view. Interns have an opportunity to participate in the substantive work of the Agency and to become acquainted with professional foreign intelligence analysts. The results of the research projects are most often of high quality. Many are published and disseminated throughout the intelligence community. At the same time, the Agency is able to assess the analytical ability and potential of the interns for permanent positions.

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During their employment, interns have weekly briefing sessions with senior officials who acquaint them in detail with the work of the Agency. Since interns have special clearances, briefing officials are candid in describing the activities, duties, and responsibilities of their components. This same frankness prevails in their responses to questions from the interns that follow each presentation. Overall reaction to the briefings and assignments has been consistently favorable.

Competition for intern positions increases each year. Approximately 850 applications were received this year for the 65 positions available.



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